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To: Solar Initiative Affordable Housing CEC/CPUC Workshop  
From: Southern California Forum  
Solar/Water Committee  
RE: California Solar Initiative and Solar Homes Partnership Affordable Housing Comments

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The Southern California Forum, an association of non-profit and for-profit agencies, utilities, and vendors who provide energy efficiency services to the Southern California low-income communities, would like to file the following comments in response to the Solar Initiative.

1. Affordable housing projects only impact a fraction of the low-income households.
2. Many families that qualify for some affordable housing programs have incomes greater than 200% of the Federal Poverty Level.
3. Rebates and loans absolutely do not work for low-income families.
4. Grants are more effective in meeting the needs of low-income families.
5. Low-income programs must address the retrofit market outside of the Affordable Housing Programs in order to impact low-income home owners.
6. Separate programs should be developed for the low-income retrofit market.
7. Retrofit solar measures should include smaller solar units as Water heating and small output PV units.
8. Retrofit Solar measures should be installed only in pre-qualified low-income households.
9. Retrofit solar measures should be installed in conjunction with energy efficiency measures.
10. the CPUC should hold program design workshops with all low-income stakeholders.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the initiative.

Respectfully,

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